

# United States Senate

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## **Please Join Us in Supporting State and Local Divestment Efforts:**

### **Help Americans Use All Our Tools to Stop Genocide**

Dear Colleague:

As you know, for the past four years, genocide has raged in Darfur, Sudan. Both Congress and the President have recognized this devastating fact, and the United Nations Security Council has authorized a peacekeeping force of over 20,000 military and police personnel to protect the civilian population of Darfur. But that peacekeeping force has yet to be deployed, and the people of Darfur remain unprotected. We ask you to join us in strengthening financial tools where words have failed: please cosponsor the Sudan Divestment Authorization Act of 2007.

Many American state and local governments and institutions and individuals want to add their voices to the chorus calling for peace and security in Darfur. More concretely, they want their investment choices to reflect their values. Seven states, six municipalities and over forty universities have chosen to remove companies that operate in Sudan to the benefit of the Khartoum government from their pension plans and other investments.

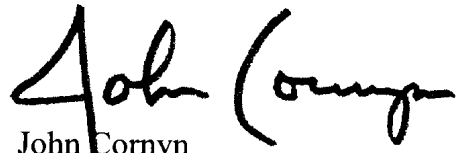
The Sudan Divestment Authorization Act will provide federal support for state and local divestment efforts. It expresses the sense of Congress that states and other entities should be permitted to divest their assets of certain holdings in opposition to the genocidal policies of the Sudanese government, and authorizes – though does not require – such divestment. This authorization would sunset in the event that the Khartoum government alters its behavior and federal sanctions are lifted.

Please join us in supporting state and local divestment campaigns. To sign on to this bill or for more information, please contact Shannon Smith in Senator Durbin's office (4-2152) or Matthew Johnson in Senator Cornyn's office (4-9262).

Sincerely,



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